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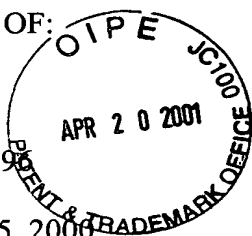
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: ATTN: NEW APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: 09/623,598 :

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FOR: PENICILLIN BINDING PROTEIN :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Notice to Comply dated March 28, 2001, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as shown in the marked-up copy to read as follows:

Page 42 (Abstract), after the last line, beginning on a new page, delete the original Sequence Listing and replace with the attached substitute Sequence Listing.